

Mr. Chairman:

I have received reports of the conversations now going on in New York as well as your letter of October 26th. From this and other information reaching me it offered that a solution of the Cuban crisis was in sight. I have now received reports of a broadcast of a message from you, which I have not yet received officially, which brings European bases into discussion. In the meantime work on your missile bases is feverishly going forward. Mr. Chairman, I do not know whether your purpose in secretly putting these missiles in Cuba was to fire them when they were in place, to use them as a basis for making impossible political demands on the United States, or for some other purpose. I also do not know whether the discussions with U Thant were merely to gain time to complete these bases or were a genuine effort to find a peaceful solution of the Cuban crisis. Mr. Chairman, I am responsible for the security of the United States and have responsibilities to the other nations of this hemisphere. Time is running out, Mr. Chairman, and I must inform you that work on these bases must be stopped at once and arrangements completed within a matter of days to dismantle them or I shall be obliged to undertake further steps to protect our security. I am prepared to discuss problems on a broad or a narrow basis but this threat which has been created in Cuba must be dealt with at once.